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**Subject:** Fwd: update on CES Environmental Services  
**Date:** Sunday, October 23, 2016 5:39:19 PM

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**From:** "Blanco, Arturo" <[Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov](mailto:Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** October 23, 2016 at 5:16:52 PM CDT  
**To:** "Anderson, Israel" <[Anderson.Israel@epa.gov](mailto:Anderson.Israel@epa.gov)>, "Villarreal, Chris" <[villarreal.chris@epa.gov](mailto:villarreal.chris@epa.gov)>, "Edlund, Carl" <[Edlund.Carl@epa.gov](mailto:Edlund.Carl@epa.gov)>, "Phillips, Pam" <[phillips.pam@epa.gov](mailto:phillips.pam@epa.gov)>  
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Please keep in mind that we are striving to send completed responses to Blackburn by Wednesday; sooner if possible. Perhaps we should meet on Wednesday before sending out response – overall response gives me a sense of uncertainty in terms of when the assessment will actually be completed, who the PRPs really are, and lack of mechanisms for keeping community informed on an ongoing basis. What would prevent us from weighing in on TCEQ to underscore these points so the process is more transparent to the community?

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**From:** Anderson, Israel  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 8:12 PM  
**To:** Villarreal, Chris <[villarreal.chris@epa.gov](mailto:villarreal.chris@epa.gov)>  
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Chris,

I am at the San Jacinto Waste Pits meeting and just received the responses about CES site from TCEQ. Would you share the document with Pam and all appropriate 6SF staff?  
Thanks.

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**From:** Merrie Smith <[merrie.smith@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:merrie.smith@tceq.texas.gov)>  
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Israel,

Please find the attached response to the questions. We added our responses to yours, so we identified which came from EPA and TCEQ. Our toxicologist did have a comment on EPA's response to question 5b and suggested an alternate reply. Please let us know if you have revisions.

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**From:** Anderson, Israel [<mailto:Anderson.Israel@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2016 11:54 AM  
**To:** Rodney Bryant <[rodney.bryant@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:rodney.bryant@tceq.texas.gov)>; Gene Muller <[Gene.Muller@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:Gene.Muller@tceq.texas.gov)>; Merrie Smith <[merrie.smith@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:merrie.smith@tceq.texas.gov)>

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Rodney, Gene, and Merrie,

Here are some email exchanges between Jim Blackburn and myself as of this morning that I felt it is important to share with you guys.

I have the responses to Blackburn's questions that were addressed to our Superfund program.

Please advise when you will have your responses completed.

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**From:** Jim Blackburn [<mailto:jbb@blackburncarter.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2016 11:22 AM  
**To:** Anderson, Israel <[Anderson.Israel@epa.gov](mailto:Anderson.Israel@epa.gov)>  
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Israel. I appreciate your prompt response. I look forward to receiving the written responses. I am receiving pressure to get political figures involved in the ask for a public meeting. I am not sure if I can hold this back much longer. I would prefer that this come from EPA and TCEQ if at all possible, I think it works better that way for all concerned. Please get

back with me ASAP regarding either answers to the questions or an answer to the request for a public meeting. On the scale of things, a request for a public meeting does not seem that much of an “ask”, given the prior involvement of EPA at the site.

Thanks. Jim Blackburn

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**From:** Anderson, Israel [<mailto:Anderson.Israel@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2016 10:02 AM

**To:** Jim Blackburn <[jbb@blackburncarter.com](mailto:jbb@blackburncarter.com)>

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I just left a message for the TCEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program manager for the CES Environmental Services site asking him to call me to give a status of their work to address the questions that you posed to TCEQ.

Jim I do not have anything new to report about the potential for a public meeting. The approach that TCEQ seems to want to take is to provide responses to the questions you posed along with those that EPA Superfund program provides and then to have a discussion with you about those responses. They've not committed to a public meeting yet. They've not said no yet either.

My plan is to provide both EPA Region 6 Superfund responses and TCEQ responses to your questions and then proceed forward from there.

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**From:** Jim Blackburn [<mailto:jbb@blackburncarter.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 6:43 PM

**To:** Anderson, Israel <[Anderson.Israel@epa.gov](mailto:Anderson.Israel@epa.gov)>

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Israel. Is there anything new to report about a potential public meeting by EPA and/or TCEQ regarding the CES Environmental Services site in Houston. I am getting some pushback from citizens that are getting impatient. Thanks. Blackburn.